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## **Air Force Master Sergeant Awarded Quality Technician of the Year Award from ASQ's Columbus Section**

### **Columbus Section to acknowledge Fernando Marinas at Spring Conference**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio, January 3, 2018** — United States Air Force Master Sgt. Fernando Marinas has been selected by the Columbus Section of the American Society for Quality as the recipient of its annual Quality Technician of the Year Award. The Columbus Section will publicly acknowledge Fernando's accomplishment March 19 at its annual Spring Conference at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North hotel.

Master Sergeant Fernando C. Marinas is a Metrology Laboratory Evaluator, Laboratory Certification Branch, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Agile Combat Support Directorate, Heath, Ohio. He evaluates the Air Force Primary Standards Laboratory, 61 US Air Force, 4 Air National Guard and 12 Foreign Military Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratories. He ensures the overall safety, accuracy, reliability and traceability of over 629,000 pieces of Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment valued at over \$721 million supporting virtually every weapon system in the United States Air Force inventory. His primary objective is to ensure all Air Force systems and equipment measurements are accurate, uniform, reliable and traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology or other sources as approved by the Air Force Metrology and Calibration Program.



Sergeant Marinas was born in Honolulu, Hawaii and he entered the Air Force in October 1998. His background in the Precision Measurement Electronic Laboratory (PMEL) career field has afforded him the opportunity to hold various positions; including PMEL Technician, Quality Assurance Evaluator, Quality Assurance NCOIC, Section Chief, Laboratory Chief, Flight Chief and United States Air Force Metrology Laboratory Evaluator.

#### **Awards and Decorations**

- Air Force Meritorious Service Medal
- Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
- 1st Maintenance Group Maintenance Professional of the Year, 2005
- 86th Maintenance Squadron Lt. General Leo Marquez Award, 2012
- 366th Maintenance Group Maintenance Professional of the Year, 2014
- 366th Maintenance Group Lt. General Leo Marquez Award, 2014
- 366th Maintenance Group Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award, 2015
- ASQ Certified Quality Inspector

Sergeant Marinas, his wife, Carla, and daughters Gracie, Miya and Sophia, enjoy spending time together and going to the movies. When he finds time, Sergeant Marinas enjoys fixing cars and watching sporting events. He and his family moved to Ohio from Idaho in 2016.

## **Who We Are**

ASQ is a global community of people dedicated to quality who share the ideas and tools that make our world work better. With millions of individual and organizational members of the community in 150 countries, ASQ has the reputation and reach to bring together the diverse quality champions who are transforming the world's corporations, organizations and communities to meet tomorrow's critical challenges. ASQ is headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with national service centers in China, India, Mexico and a regional service center in the United Arab Emirates. Learn more about ASQ's members, mission, technologies and training at [asq.org](http://asq.org).

## **About the Columbus Section Quality Technician of the Year Award**

The Columbus Section actively fulfills ASQ's mission to increase the use and impact of quality in response to the diverse needs of the world in the central Ohio area.

The Section's Quality Technician of the Year Award is bestowed annually to an individual who spends more than 50% of his or her time in inspection, test, audit, calibration, etc., functions to assure conformance to engineering, manufacturing, quality and customer standards or requirements. Nominees for this award are judged against the following criteria:

- 1) Knowledge, qualifications, background and experience.
- 2) Ability to represent the customer in on-line or final inspection test, audit, calibration, etc.
- 3) Ability to assist and motivate peers and other workers, supervision, departments, etc., to produce conforming products or services while improving productivity through reduced costs.
- 4) Ability to train others in inspection methodology and techniques, calibration, defect prevention, failure analysis, data recording, documentation, cost reduction, statistical applications, etc.
- 5) Professionally development via certifications, technical and quality courses, teaching, technical papers, etc.,

For additional information about the ASQ Columbus Section and the Quality Technician of the Year Award visit [www.columbusasq801.com](http://www.columbusasq801.com).